Pennsylvania manufacturers produced 44.6 million gallons of ice cream in 2004, fourth nationally. Lowfat ice cream production totaled 13.9 million gallons, up 12 percent from 2003. Pennsylvania ranks ninth in lowfat ice cream production. Milk sherbet production, at 1.5 million gallons, is 7 percent higher than the previous year.

Butter Production Decreases 3 Percent:
The state's processors churned out 60.3
million pounds of butter during 2004, a
decrease of 3 percent from 2003.

Cheese Production Up 2 Percent: Production of all cheese, excluding cottage cheese, totaled 376.7 million pounds in 2004, up 2 percent from 2003. Production of all types of Italian cheeses increased 3 percent to 249.5 million pounds.

Data are collected by mail, personal and telephone interviews following the close of each month. There were 61 manufacturers in the state that made 1 or more of the products in 2004.

Pennsylvania: Specified Dairy Products Manufactured, Monthly, 2004

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Product	Plants	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
	Number (000) Pounds													
Butter	3	6,595	5,295	6,223	6,369	6,410	5,527	4,409	2,936	2,238	4,678	4,570	5,077	60,327
Cheese, Italian, total	10	21,812	22,409	24,995	22,881	22,322	21,595	18,367	20,007	15,116	17,626	21,005	21,361	249,496
Cheese, Italian, other total	9	3,526	4,369	5,017	4,545	4,126	3,983	3,817	4,340	2,517	3,094	4,302	3,249	46,885
Cheese, total	18	30,797	31,334	35,626	32,910	31,693	31,892	28,102	30,364	28,604	29,319	33,752	32,337	376,730
		(000) Gallons												
Ice cream, total	-	3,055	3,040	3,428	3,225	3,009	5,147	4,793	4,899	3,677	3,946	3,656	2,758	44,633
Ice cream, hard	33	2,964	2,951	3,322	3,121	2,904	4,985	4,638	4,795	3,603	3,879	3,602	2,715	43,479
Ice cream, lowfat, total 1	-	694	840	1,198	1,314	1,417	1,659	1,739	1,448	1,114	912	883	717	13,935
Ice cream, lowfat, soft	-	597	687	1,037	1,127	1,206	1,385	1,386	1,138	856	665	642	541	11,267
Milk sherbet, total	-	83	90	142	91	99	149	159	193	120	124	120	83	1,453
Ice cream, mix produced	23	1,589	1,551	1,850	1,814	1,822	2,850	2,694	1,808	1,286	1,162	948	739	20,113
Ice cream, lowfat, mix produced ²	15	188	217	330	359	383	443	445	360	271	210	203	171	3,580
Milk sherbet, mix produced	14	49	149	81	54	57	82	95	108	52	62	61	34	884

¹ Includes hard, soft-serve, and freezer-made milkshake. ² Includes milkshake mix.